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Tyner & Walker, Attorneys-at-Law, Corcoran Building, Washington, D.C., April 6, 1886

My dear Mr. Fox,

If what I write herein ought not to be written be kind enough to consider that it never was written. Every now and then Mrs. Barrett reminds me that she wants "to get down stairs". You probably know better than I what that means — most likely it refers to some position on the floor below the Adjuster's Room where the work is lighter, the horns of duty less, and the pay at least as good as in the other place. Over here all Government employees before the day of Civil Service Reform used to appeal about once a month to their "influence" for promotion, or transfer, or something else where or in which they fancied they would be better off. Mrs. Barrett has been about Washington at odd times, and has doubtless learned the way [illegible] something known here as "Influence", and she applies to me to represent that potent agency. I respond most sincerely and earnestly if it will take one burden from her thoughts, or add ever so little to here comfort, for the poor little woman needs all the sympathy and aid we can offer. I will be made more happy if you can oblige her, and yet I ask it only on condition that you can easily and cheerfully do so.

You need not be at the trouble to answer this letter unless you find that compliance with her wishes is within your immediate reach, for I hope to call upon you soon, and dearly assure you of the great regard of

Yours Sincerely Jas. N. Tvner

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